

Merchantville, NJ February 25, 2013

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, February 25, 2013. Mayor Frank North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL: Council Present: Fields, Volkert, Grasso, Brennan, Sperrazza and Perno. Clerk Brouse and Attorney Higgins were present.

PRIVATE SESSION: On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Perno, Council voted to adjourn to private session to discuss matters of possible litigation.

**R13-43
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL**

Edward Brennan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

Matters of Contract Negotiations and Personal

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by Anthony Perno and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Fields	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Volkert	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Grasso	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Brennan	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. Sperrazza	(x)	()	()	(x)
Mr. Perno	(x)	()	()	()

PUBLIC:

ENGINEER REPORT: Steve is working with the engineer regarding the bike path

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

West Maple Neighborhood Task Force update-TASK FORCE PRESENTATION

Plaque for fallen servicemen of Iraq and Afghanistan-Laura Donahue, 212 Westminster Avenue and Jimmie Stine, 29 W. Walnut Avenue-Would like to have a plaque for the fallen serviceman of the area in Wellwood Park, Morrissey or the Community Center, with the 90 names from area. The cost would be about \$1,000 for a wall or boulder about 3ft tall or \$2,000 for both. Funding would be provided by donations and requests would go in the flyer at schools, article in observer and give out flags for people that make donations. We could also do car washes and request donations from Car dealers, the local VFW and other non profit organizations. Nothing honoring the people who served in Iran and Afghanistan exists in this area at this time.

Mayor spoke, can be more than this area? Pin Point the area in NJ and place the plaque in Wellwood Park. The other memorials in Wellwood Park could use possible renovations. John, Steve and Patti will work with them to make it happen.

Use of facility approval for the Walk for the Wish event

SAFER grant for the Borough of Merchantville-\$300,000 over 2 years-fire inspections and fire officers, model is Collingswood, looking at what we can do; expect to accept at council meeting.

East Chestnut Avenue one way-one way on E Chestnut approximately 30 ft.

Chapter 25 Fee increases for the Borough

Arbor Day Proclamation

Approve Raffle and 50/50 license for Merchantville PTA

Approve St. Peter procession schedule

Resolutions to be read by consent agenda and passed tonight-On a motion by Mr. Volkert and second by Mrs. Fields, the following resolutions were read and passed tonight by consent agenda:

R13-40

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO
APPROVE A RAFFLE LICENSE FOR MERCHANTVILLE PTA**

WHEREAS, Merchantville School PTA has applied for and received an identification number 299-5-39871 allowing Merchantville School PTA the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and **WHEREAS**, Merchantville School PTA has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination with checks to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$20.00 each and checks to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of \$20.00 each and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant ; and **WHEREAS**, Council person Sperrazza, Director of the Department of Records and Licenses, has reported that the laws and regulations have been met, and that she recommends the granting of said license; and **WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a Raffle license numbered 13-02MPTA to Merchantville School PTA for the raffle taking place on March 13, 2013.

R13-41

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO
APPROVE A 50/50 LICENSE FOR MERCHANTVILLE PTA**

WHEREAS, Merchantville School PTA has applied for and received an identification number 299-5-39871 allowing Merchantville School PTA the ability to conduct raffle licenses with proper approval; and **WHEREAS**, Merchantville School PTA has properly completed the raffle license application and at least 7 days have elapsed between the time the application was filed and the time that the Borough Council made their findings and determination with checks to the Borough of Merchantville in the amount of \$20.00 each and checks to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission in the amount of \$20.00 each and that 15 days will elapse between the time the municipality forwards the application to the control commission and the date the license is issued to the applicant ; and

WHEREAS, Council person Sperrazza, Director of the Department of Records and Licenses, has reported that the laws and regulations have been met, and that she recommends the granting of said license; and **WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk has reported that the legal preliminaries have been strictly complied with; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council be and is hereby authorized to issue a 50/50 Raffle license numbered 13-02MPTA to Merchantville School PTA for the raffle taking place on March 13, 2013.

R13-42

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO HIRE A ADMINISTRATIVE
CLERK FOR RENTAL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to hire an administrative clerk for Rental Registrations for, the Borough of Merchantville; and

WHEREAS, proper advertising was done and interviews were conducted; and

WHEREAS, the conclusion was to hire Cathleen Aaron, at \$10.00 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that Cathleen Aaron will be hired as of March 1, 2013.

Resolutions for agenda-the following are business resolutions that will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

Endorsing problem statements for the West Maple Neighborhood
Accept SAFER grant

Ordinances for introduction-
Chapter 25 Fees

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Adoption
13-02 Financial Remittance Agreement with Merchantville Board of Education for 606 W. Maple Avenue
13-03 Sewer rates

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

On the motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Sperrazza, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK